

### HIS OLD TRICK.

Bismarck Inspires Rumors of War to Secure a Conference with the Czar.

The Russian's Visit Delayed by a Cold Contracted by the Czarina—Netherlands Strikers Expel Socialists.

#### CABLE LETTER.

Significant Rumors of War on the Eve of the Czar's Visit to the Emperor.

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BERLIN, Sept. 28.—The czar has sent an autograph letter to the Emperor William stating that the czarina has caught cold and that her physicians have advised her to delay her departure for several days. The czar asks that final directions for his reception at Potsdam be delayed. Prince Bismarck has since communicated with Count Schouvaloff, the Russian minister, in regard to the arrangements of the czar in the event of his coming to Berlin. Count Schouvaloff replies that he has orders to prepare to receive the czar and his suit at the embassy. The czar himself has not intimated his intentions beyond his visit to Potsdam. The emperor will go to Schwerin on Tuesday as a guest of the grand duke of Mecklenburg. According to the National Zeitung, the czar's visit is fixed for October 9. The absence of M. de Giers, the Russian prime minister, who is now staying in a remote part of the province of Tarnob, does not appear to affect Prince Bismarck's determination to have an audience with the czar.

The week has been dominated by an outbreak of war clamor by the semi-official press. The Cologne Gazette publishes an alarmist article on the extension of Russian strategic railways on the frontier, which the North German Gazette prominently quotes. There is a simultaneous reappearance of war notes in the chancellor's organs. The Vienna papers foment the statements that Russians along the frontiers of Galicia and Bukovina are in active motion. Six regiments of cavalry and four of infantry have, they say, arrived from the interior. Observation towers are being erected close to the frontier. The whole effect of the country giving the impression that the army is making a strategic march. These reports have been directly suppressed by the Vienna and Berlin ministries. Bismarck's motive in re-creating the agitation over the Russian armaments, on the eve of the czar's reception, is variously interpreted. Recalling the incidents prior to the last interview the czar accorded him here it is obvious that the chancellor aims to place the czar under the necessity of granting a political conference. The reports also serve other purposes, as they tend to balk Russian efforts to negotiate a loan for the payment of the cost of the repeating rifles ordered to France, and to prepare the reichstag to accept the new military bill, which is now known to involve an extra debt of 24,000,000 marks, but if the indifference shown by the bourse over the attempted loan for the purchase of the new repeating rifles, Prince Bismarck will find the members less susceptible than formerly to the old trick.

The czar's aversion to meeting the chancellor, or to giving his visit any character other than that of a formal courtesy, has been intensified by the projected journey of Emperor William to Constantinople. The programme of the emperor's tour is now announced to include a visit to Bucharest, which will further annoy the czar.

The Moscow papers ask if Bismarck dreams of detaching the Greeks from their traditional of a Russian alliance. The Greeks attach superstitious importance to the marriage of the duke of Sparta and the Princess Sophie. An old prophecy is recalled by the papers of Athens, and reproduced here, to the effect that the Mosques of St. Sophia in Constantinople will be restored to the Christians and the empire of the sultan will be restored to the emperor. The coincidence of the duke of Sparta's name, Constantine, and that of Princess Sophie is exciting in the imagination of all Greeks a hopeful augury of coming events, a feeling of which Bismarck will take advantage.

The reichstag is expected to meet November 4. A re-grouping of parties is inevitable. The ultra Conservatives announce their determination to break from the center party, as it is growing too liberal. Herr Altmann, speaking at Frankfurt declared it was necessary to reconstruct the groups. Existing parties, he said, were the products of the past and out of date. The present party programmes are utterly inadequate to deal with the questions of the new situation. The Progressists understood Miguel as forecasting the break up of the National Liberals, but the Nationalists are sanguine that the party will be strengthened by the absorption of a portion of the Center party and a close union with Liberal Conservatives. Bismarck is favoring the union of the National Liberals and the Center party, and other leaders of the Nationalists. He will offer Herr Miguel the post of finance minister, replacing Herr Schulz, whose eye malady grows worse. The prospective changes do not threaten seriously Bismarck's hold over the central party, though they are likely to weaken the government's majority in the new house.

The Post to-night semi-officially denies that Count von Munster has resigned as German ambassador to France. A report to that effect was part of the current rumors that Halleyfelt would be transferred to Paris. Count von Munster is going to London. The Post does not contradict the von Waldersee rumor. Bismarck is again intriguing with the emperor to send von Waldersee to a high diplomatic post in which Bismarckian craft will succeed in exposing him to adverse criticism. Von Waldersee was last year offered the Russian embassy, but not the emperor's permission to decline it. The chancellor is now reported to be urging the emperor if he designs von Waldersee to become chancellor that he must train him in statesmanship through diplomatic experience.

The emperor has instructed the ministry of justice to report on execution by electricity. He is in favor of this method of execution of it will produce painless death with absolute certainty. He reads everything attained on the scientific side of the question, and has sent the ministry copious notes on American and European scientific inquiries into the matter. His personal conviction was that electricity ought not to be applied unless the preparations for execution be short and simpler than for hanging or beheading. He thinks the methods hitherto suggested are clumsy.

The report of the German East Africa

### MISSION WORK.

What the Congregationalists are Doing in Turkey.

A Lady Missionary Tells of the Degradation of the People—The Method of Work.

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There are four large central stations, one of which is at Adana, where the lady was located. There are twenty out stations connected with Adana and thirty other stations. At Adana is a large and flourishing school for girls, a second school for boys. The first thing the missionaries try to do is to educate the people, then to Christianize them, and if they then desire affiliation with a church they embrace Congregationalism, the purest form of democracy in church affairs, each member being taught to govern himself. The missionary work has been very successful and Miss Tucker thinks if the church will continue its efforts for a generation that Turkey will become Christianized, and that means the elevation of the people from a degree of degradation and poverty unheard of in this country. The people are priest-ridden as well as being compelled to pay heavy taxes to support the sultan's immense standing army. Adana has a population of 55,000 people, and the poverty existing may be imagined when it is stated that the laborer receives but 14 cents per day and are glad to earn that much. So cheap is labor that the school at Adana, a four story brick structure, was built for \$3000. The chief products of the country are wheat, cotton, figs and raisins. There are no manufactures of any kind and the result is the people sell only raw materials and buy all manufactured articles of very inferior grades from England, paying high prices. In 1887 and 1888 there was a terrible famine in the country and the good missionaries distributed food to the starving thousands. Some one notified the sultan that the missionaries were buying Protestants for soup, whereupon the sultan gave orders that no more food was to be given to his subjects. In this extremity the missionaries hit upon a happy idea. Near the school was a great hole where clay had been taken out to make bricks. The missionaries employed the natives to fill this hole and paying them for their work the starving creatures could buy food. During this drought 93 per cent. of the cattle died.

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Indications.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 20, 1 a. m.—For Eastern Texas: Light rain, southerly winds, stationary temperature.

**Cotton Region Bulletin.**

The following is the register of maximum and minimum temperature, with the rainfall in inches and hundredths, for the places named during the twenty-four hours ending September 28, 6 p. m.

STATIONS.	Max. Min. Rain.	Temp. Precip. In.
Galveston.....	74 65	.00
Houston.....	74 69	.00
Hearne.....	66 60	.00
Waco.....	70 59	.00
Corpus Christi.....	70 55	.00
Dallas.....	72 65	.10
Pasadena.....	66 56	.00
Tyler.....	70 59	.00
Longview.....	68 58	.00
Huntsville.....	70 62	.00
Columbia.....	72 64	.00
Orange.....	72 65	.00
San Antonio.....	70 62	.00
Cleburn.....	70 62	.00
Luling.....	78 62	.04
San Angelo.....	68 58	.00
Bellton.....	70 58	.02
Weatherford.....	70 62	.01
Abilene.....	66 49	.00
La Grange.....	66 49	.00
Means.....	69.8 59.2	.06

### REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

Deeds Filed for Record in County Clerk King's Office September 18.

L. G. Williams and wife to J. M. Rogers, 160 acres, twelve miles north of Fort Worth. Consideration, \$1800.

J. D. Hill and wife to C. E. Trice, lot 12, block A3, Daggett's addition. Consideration, \$3500.

C. E. Trice to T. B. Burbridge, lot 12, 15 and 16, block A, Daggett's addition; consideration \$2000.

A. J. Chambers to Ball, Wynne & McComb, lots 1, 3 and 5 in block 20, lots 2, 4, 6 and 7 in block 21, lots 1 and 3, block 22, lots 1, 2, 4 and 5, block 23, lots 1, 2, 3, 7 and 8, block 24, lots 6 and 7, block 17, all in Chambers addition. Consideration, \$5000.

### PERSONAL.

Martin Casey, who has been in Europe and the East, is now on his way home.

Zeno C. Ross and family returned from Boston and other Eastern cities last night.

W. A. Huffman returned home last night, after several months' absence in the East.

Mrs. J. Guy Price has returned from her summer's visit at her old home in Mississippi.

W. P. Pattillo of Atlanta, Ga., is in the city, stopping at the Ellis. He will leave for the West to-morrow.

A. W. Caswell, accompanied by Miss Lizzie Wright of Shoreham, Vt., who is a sister of Mrs. H. C. Caswell, arrived in Fort Worth last night.

Hon. J. W. Throckmorton arrived in Fort Worth last night from Wichita Falls, where he had been in attendance at the celebration there.

Col. John D. Templeton will be home from Colorado Springs, Col., on Tuesday or Wednesday next. Mrs. Templeton will remain a month longer, possibly all winter.

Mrs. W. F. Lake and daughter, Ollie, accompanied by Miss Minnie Ellis, have gone North on an extended visit. They will stop at Chicago, Washington, Boston, New York and other cities.

Thomas Handolph and wife of Sherman arrived in Fort Worth last night on their return from a wedding tour on the Pacific slope. Mr. Handolph is president of one of Sherman's principal banks.

Officer Pat Stephens returned yesterday from McCullough county, where he went to stand trial on a charge made years ago. He wanted no witnesses, showing by the witnesses for the state he had stolen no horse. His friends here never believed otherwise.

Mr. J. B. Wilson, cashier of the People's national bank of Martinsburg, W. Va., is in the city visiting Mr. F. A. Tidball. Mr. Wilson came to Fort Worth with Mr. Tidball seventeen years ago, and together they established the first bank in Fort Worth, under the firm name of Tidball & Wilson. Soon after this Mr. Wilson was recalled home by the death of his father, and has not been here since until this trip. He says he expected many changes, but was not prepared for the wonderful growth and improvement that has taken place, or to see the magnificent city with its hundreds of business houses, fine churches, handsome residences, etc., that have taken the place of the three or four business firms then doing business in one-story shanties and living in rudely constructed cottages in the little village he left.

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- 16 Pairs Vienna Chenille, all-over figures, exquisite styles, would be cheap at \$18.00; our price \$12.50
- 9 Pairs Extra Wide, All Chenille Portieres, elegant pattern, regular price \$17.50; our price \$12.25
- 33 Pairs Odd Portieres, one pair of a kind, last last season's goods, some choice patterns among them, were \$5.50, \$6, \$10, \$14.50, to \$18; our price to close, \$3.85, \$4.15, \$6, \$8.35, to \$10.00
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Milwaukee Sentinel.

A rusty-looking old bayonet from the vicinity of Sugar creek, where the pearl craze has been rampant for a week and a half, walked into Stanley & Camp's jewelry store Saturday. In one hand he tightly clutched a red bandana handkerchief tied in a bundle and the other held a knotted hickory stick. His trousers were tucked into a pair of boots that had seen better days, and his general appearance was that of a man who wasn't over particular about his personal appearance. He looked suspiciously around as though anticipating that some one had evil intentions with regard to himself, and then he slowly untied the knots in the handkerchief, unfolded it on a showcase and displayed a good-sized handful of pearls.

"What'll ye gimme for em?" queried the stranger, addressing Mr. Camp.

There were large pearls and small pearls, white pearls and yellow pearls and pearls of all kinds of shape. Some were as big as an ordinary pea and some were only one-fifth that size, but they were undoubtedly pearls.

"Where did you get them?" the pearl-gatherer was asked.

"Out of the oysters in Sugar creek, down near Albany," he responded.

"Found them myself and walked all the way in, too. I wasn't going to have any train robber hold me up after going to the trouble of wading in the river and picking up the clam shells. Not much."

There chanced to be a New York diamond importer in the store, an expert in judging the value of precious gems, and he took up the handful of pearls and examined them carefully.

"They are not worth 10 cents a bushel," said he; as he carelessly allowed them to sift through his fingers. "They are genuine pearls, and some of them have a good, creamy color, but their commercial value is spoiled by their lack of roundness. You see there isn't a perfect spheroid in the whole lot. They resemble in shape the shell of a snail. Such pearls have no market value."

"But they are all that way down around Sugar creek," persisted the old man, who looked disappointed and at the same time seemed suspicious that he was being fooled.

"Then they are all worth just about ten cents a bushel. Their shape spoils them. You can't cut a pearl the way you can a diamond. When you cut it you spoil it, because a pearl is formed of layers of secretion, and when you attempt to cut it the seams show and ruin the gem. There may be some valuable pearls found in Sugar river clams, but I doubt it."

And the old man tied up his bundle in a hard knot and went in quest of another jeweler.

### MOUNTAINS OF THE EAST.

There Are Fourteen in North Carolina Higher than Mount Washington.

If you ask almost and one which is the highest mountain in the United States east of the Rocky Mountains, the reply will be "Mount Washington, in New Hampshire." Now, according to Golden Days, this is giving credit where credit is not due.

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**WANTED—Cook.** Also a woman to wash and iron. Mrs. Robert McGraw, 1105 East Belknap street.

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**FIRST class hotel or other cook** desired at a position. References furnished. Address by registered mail.

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